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Serving With Pride

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**Crime Prevention Tip:**

- ★ Never do business with the unsolicited.
- ★ Never pay for a good or service up-front.
- ★ Never be pressured to make a business decision immediately.
- ★ Give personal information only if you've initiated the contact.

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# Community Connection



## Robert Beard Receives 60 Year Service Award

The City of Alvin congratulates Mr. Robert Beard in receiving the 60 year service award from the Alvin Volunteer Fire Department! Robert began his journey as a Fireman in 1949 by joining the Alvin Volunteer Junior Fire Department. After serving his country from 1952 to 1956, he returned to Alvin and joined the department as a Senior Volunteer Firefighter where he continues to serve. The City of Alvin would like to thank Mr. Beard for his many years of service and dedication to the Alvin Volunteer Fire Department and the community.



## Charter Review Commission

City Council will make appointments to the Charter Review Commission this summer. This commission is responsible for making recommended changes to the City's Charter. Upon Council approval, the recommended changes will then be submitted to the voters of the City of Alvin in May 2017. If you are interested in serving on this commission, please fill out a Consent and Willingness to Serve form. Forms are available on the City Clerk's page on the City's website at [www.alvin-tx.gov](http://www.alvin-tx.gov), or may be picked up in person at the City Clerk's Office. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 281-388-4255.



Join us April 1 & 2, 2016 for the Alvin Music Festival and Cook-Off at Briscoe Park, 3201 South Highway 35. For more information visit: [www.alvinmusicfestival.com](http://www.alvinmusicfestival.com) or call 281-585-3359.

### Entertainment Line-Up

Friday, April 1, 2016  
 Roger Creager - 10PM  
 Junior Gordon - 8PM  
 4 Barrel Ramblers - 6PM

Saturday, April 2, 2016  
 Kevin Fowler - 10PM  
 Spazmatics - 8PM  
 The Hunger - 6PM  
 The New Offenders - 4PM  
 Amber and the Old Rascals - 2PM  
 Shalane - 12PM

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## Save the Dates:

**Depot Market Days** at  
Train Depot - March 19<sup>th</sup>,  
April 16<sup>th</sup>

**Blanket Bingo** at Nation-  
al Oak Park - March 18<sup>th</sup>,  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>

**Easter Egg Hunt** at Bob  
Briscoe Park - March 24<sup>th</sup>  
**MUST PRE-REGISTER**  
with Parks & Rec or the  
YMCA to participate

**Sunrise Rotary Music  
Festival** - Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>  
and Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Noon Rotary Frontier  
Days** - Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
and Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

**Great Alvin Clean Up** -  
Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

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## Spring Watering Tips

- ❁ **Water As Needed:** too much water can easily lead to lawn diseases. Symptoms showing that your lawn needs watering include a dull bluish color, rolled or folded leaves, or persistent footprints. In the hot months of summer you will want to water 3 times a week, in the cooler spring and fall months you may water only 2 times a week. In winter months, when your grass is dormant, you will still want to water a few minutes, once a week, to keep the roots healthy and to protect the foundation of your home.
- ❁ **In Ground Irrigation Systems** should be adjusted and maintained on a regular basis to insure that coverage is correct.
- ❁ **Water Distribution:** To promote deep root growth and a healthier lawn, it is best to water to the point of saturation. Shallow watering is a potential threat to your grass. In spring, summer and fall you will want to put down about 1/3 inch of water on watering days. Attempt to perform your watering in the morning, preferably around dawn. Watering in the afternoon will often result in the evaporation of water, instead of ingestion into the root system. Watering in the evening leaves your ground moist overnight, and is therefore subject to disease and fungus.
- ❁ **Watering Management:** It is easy to measure the amount of water you are dispersing, even if you don't have a gauge. All you need is an empty tuna can. Simply place it in your lawn, turn on your sprinklers, and record the time required to fill the can to one inch. 1/3 of that time is the amount of time you want to water your lawn on watering days. For better saturation, especially with the density of rich Texas clay soil, you may need to water in two or three settings. i.e.: If it takes 15 minutes for your sprinklers to put 1/3 of an inch of water you could set your sprinklers to go off for 5 minutes at 3:00 AM, 5 minutes at 5:00 AM, and then a final 5 minutes at 7:00 AM. (Aerating your lawn at least once a year will increase saturation level of water and fertilizer.)

Alvin Parks & Recreation Upcoming Events. For more information call 281-388-4299.

The City of Alvin Parks & Recreation and The YMCA Present

## Lights Out Easter Egg Hunt

Ages 0 through 12  
Event is FREE, pre-registration is required.

**Date:** March 24, 2016  
**Time:** 8 p.m.

**Location:** Bob Briscoe Park  
3625 Briscoe Dr. Alvin, TX 77511

Don't forget your camera to capture those precious moments. The Easter Bunny will be available for photos after the egg hunt!

For more information go online at: [www.alvin-tx.gov](http://www.alvin-tx.gov)  
or call 281-388-4299  
Register at: <http://booking.ca/bkalvinrecreationpub/>

Alvin Parks & Recreation

## Depot Market Days

## Farmer's Market

City of Alvin Parks & Recreation

## BLANKET BINGO

There is nothing more satisfying than yelling out BINGO!! Spend one Friday a month with us as we play Blanket Bingo in National Oak Park! Pack a picnic, bring your blankets and get ready for some live BINGO action. Mark your calendars B4 you miss the family fun!

**Date:** March 18th, April 15th, May 20th  
**Time:** 6:00pm-9:00pm  
**Location:** National Oak Park  
**Cost:** \$1.00 per card with unlimited use!

For more information call 281-388-4299